

SCS HB 1612 -- COMMON SEWER DISTRICTS

This bill changes the laws regarding common sewer districts. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Allows a majority of the remaining members in office of the board of trustees of a common sewer district to fill a vacancy on the board if the county governing body fails to fill it within 60 days of receiving written notice of the vacancy. The trustees of a common sewer district may also appoint a member to a sewer subdistrict's advisory board if a vacancy is not filled by a county or political subdivision within 60 days of receiving a written request (Sections 204.300.1 and 204.571, RSMo);

(2) Increases, from eight to 10, the number of members on the sewer district boards of trustees in the counties of Cass and Jackson. Each board will consist of the county executive, mayors of the five largest-user cities, mayors of three other cities who are members of the sewer district advisory board, and one member of the county legislature. In the event the district extends its boundaries into a bordering county, the presiding commissioner or county executive of the bordering county will become the eleventh member of the board (Section 204.300.2);

(3) Authorizes a sewer district in a third classification county to develop an agreement with a city to provide sewer service in annexed areas of the district that were not receiving sewer service at the time of annexation. Currently, the City of Poplar Bluff and sewer districts in Butler County are authorized to develop agreements to provide sewer services (Section 204.472);

(4) Allows a board member to serve in more than one capacity on a common sewer subdistrict advisory board if the board consists of less than three members (Section 204.571); and

(5) Authorizes a sewer district to establish and collect charges for sewer services, including tap-on fees, and requires a private water company or public water supply district to provide water service data at a reasonable charge upon a reasonable request to a sewer district in order to calculate the rates for service. Currently, water supply districts are required to provide this data to cities, towns, and villages (Section 250.233).